



CHICAGO AREA FOLK DANCE SCENE 2006

This directory is offered to the public by the Folk Dance Council of Chicago, an organization which promotes and supports folk and ethnic dance in the greater Chicago area. Newcomers are welcomed at most groups. In some cases fees are waived for first-timers. The most recent confirmation date on information is given at the end of each listing. While we try to keep this up to date, **it is advisable to call to verify times and locations of all events.**

SUNDAY

BARN DANCE: 2nd Sun of the month (Sept-June), 6:30 pm; and 3rd Sun of the month (Nov-Apr), 2pm; Chicago Barn Dance Co varied bands and callers; Warrenville Community Center, 35240 Warren Ave, Warrenville; \$6 adults, \$3 teens & seniors(65), under 12 free. Info: Juel Ulven 630-897-3655, Lynn Garren 630-840-2061; juelu@aol.com, garren@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub; www.foxvalleyfolk.com; www.chicagobarndance.com (8/06)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING AT FERMILAB: last or first Sunday of the month, 2-5 p.m., Kuhn Barn in Fermilab's "Village" (just N of Batavia Rd on the Fermilab site, near Rt. 59 in Warrenville; enter lab at either gate, ID ready); donation. Planned dates - Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, '07. No partner necessary. All dances taught. Live music when possible; musicians interested in playing, please contact organizers. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, Doug Jensen 630-840-8194; folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/06)

LOCH MICHIGAN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 6-8:30pm; St. Josaphat Parish Hall, Belden and Southport, Chicago. Classes and social dancing for new and experienced dancers, no partner required. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Open House, Sept. 24. Series price or \$6/door (first time free). Sept-May. Info: Noel Chavez 708-848-9218, nchavez@uic.edu. Chicago Branch Web site: <http://rscds-chicago.org> (8/06)

SCANDINAVIAN TURNING DANCE CLASSES: 6-9 pm; St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 3910 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove ; \$6/class. Basics 6 pm, intermediate follow with snacks, live music, social dancing. No partner necessary. Hard soled shoes encouraged. Beginning Oct. 8, through May. Call to check exact schedule. Not meeting during Scandinavian weekend events at Folklore Village; for information on these, contact www.folklorevillage.org. Taught by Roo Lester. Info: Roo Lester 630-985-7192; DancingRoo@aol.com; <http://members.aol.com/DancingRoo> (8/06)

MONDAY

CHICAGO BARN DANCE CO: 8-11pm; beginner teaching 7:30pm; Bethany United Church of Christ, 4245 N Paulina, Chicago, (1 1/2 block S of Montrose, & 1 block W of Ashland); alternate location, D.A.N.K Haus, 4740 N. Western Av (near Western & Lawrence), Chicago; \$6. Live music. No previous experience or partner needed. Info: 847-329-9173; info@ChicagoBarnDance.com; www.chicagobarndance.com (8/06)

EVANSTON MONDAY NIGHT FOLKDANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Lake St Church, Lake St and Chicago Ave, Evanston; \$5. Info: Georgine Paris Lowe 773-774-5194, Jim Rust 847-492-9393, Frank Wilhelm 773-274-2190, xopo@aol.com (8/06)

TUESDAY

HYDE PARK FOLK DANCERS: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of the month 8-10:15pm; Quaker House, 5615 S Woodlawn; \$4 /\$3 full time students and seniors over 70. Call to make sure class is meeting. Info: Mike Grethen 773-241-5834; mike.grethen@onebox.com (8/06)

MORRIS OLD TIME DANCES: 3rd Tues of the month, 7-9:30pm, First United Methodist Church, 118 W. Jackson Street, Morris; \$4 suggested donation. Beginners welcome. Live music. Info: 815-942-0609; diane@dianeippel.com; <http://www.dianeippel.com/OldTimeDance.html>; Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MorrisOldTimeDance> and join the group to receive regular email reminders (8/06)

SILK & THISTLE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Barn in Fermilab's "Village" (just N of Batavia Rd on the Fermilab site, near Rt. 59 in Warrenville; enter lab at either gate, ID ready); donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Taught by Doug Jensen. Beginners always welcome. Info: Doug Jensen 630-232-9089h, 630-840-8194w, Mady Newfield 630-584-0825; folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/06)

WEDNESDAY

BUFFALO GROVE ISRAELI FOLK DANCE GROUP: 7-10 pm; Congregation Beth Am, 225 N McHenry Rd., (just N of shopping center at NE corner of Lake-Cook and McHenry Rd, use E entrance), Buffalo Grove; \$5/first time free. Led by Jim Rust. Info: Beth Am 847-459-1677 or Jim Rust 847-492-9393; MJimRust@aol.com (2/05)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: Every other Wednesday beginning Aug.. 23, 8-10 pm; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave, Evanston; \$5; (Sept - June). Live music by Putting on Aires at every second meeting. Info: Tom Senior 847-433-8704; ecdchicago@yahoo.com (8/06)

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING-(and some American)- 8-10:15 pm; Weber Fitness Center, 9300 Weber Park Place (corner Church Street and Gross Point Rd), Skokie; \$4.50. Newcomers and children are welcome to this friendly group. Snacks provided . Warmups and reviews 8 pm, teaching 8:20; requests 8:45. Sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Info: Dit Olshan 847-966-6888; Dit321@aol.com (2/06)

OAK PARK FOLK DANCING: 7:30-10:30pm; Harvard Congregational Church, 1045 S Kenilworth Av, Oak Park; \$6/\$4 age 12 and under/first time free. Info: Edie Spear 847-674-6308, Gary Schmeltkopf 708-848-5406; edancemore@comcast.net (2/06)

THURSDAY

AFTERNOON FOLK DANCING: 12-2pm (exc JCC holidays); Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W Touhy, Chicago; A/C; \$5/\$3.50 JCC members. Info: Edie Spear 847-674-6308 (2/06)

FERMILAB INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Barn in Fermilab's "Village" (just N of Batavia Rd on the Fermilab site, near Rt. 59 in Warrenville; enter lab at either gate, ID ready); donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. Beginners & children welcome. Teaching and children's dances early, request dancing later. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, Doug Jensen 630-840-8194w; folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/06)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HILLEL ISRAELI FOLK DANCERS: beg 7:30-8:15pm, led by Penny Brichta; general 8:15-9, led by Phil Moss; requests 9-11:30; usually Parkes Hall, 1870 Sheridan Rd (on SE corner of Chicago Ave. and Sheridan), Evanston; \$6. Check for occasional alternate locations. Info: Phil Moss 847-251-2676, philip_b_moss@hotmail.com; Penny Brichta 847-256-4379; pjbrichta@hotmail.com (2/06)

RAVENSWOOD MORRIS DANCERS: Most Thurs, 7-9 pm; Hamlin Park Fieldhouse, 3035 N Hoyne, Chicago.. Beginners welcome. Call/email to verify meeting. Info: Lowell Kempf 773-381-0867; klumpzilla@yahoo.com; http://www.ravenswoodmorris.org (8/06)

SCOTREEL (Scottish country dancing): evenings; Marie Irwin Center, Highland and Ridge, Homewood. Irregular meeting; contact to verify time, location, and dates. Info: Ingrid Kendall 708-957-4494, IMK9999@yahoo.com. (8/06)

SOUTH SUBURBAN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: 7:45-10pm; 1st Presbyterian Church, 900 Thomas St (Western and 207th), Chicago Heights; \$3. Info: Jill Carlson 708-748-5108; angelajillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/04)

FRIDAY

ARGONNE FOLK DANCE CLUB: 8-10:30pm; St Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Road (corner of Dunham & Jefferson), Downers Grove; \$3. Info: Linda Schub & Jay Wightman 630-393-6565, lindaandjay@comcast.net (8/06)

CAJUN DANCES: 1st Fri of the month, 8-11pm; Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N Knox, at Wilson & Knox, Chicago; \$8; (Oct-May). Music by Midway Ramblers Cajun Band; dance instruction, no partner needed, casual dress; free parking in lot; pub on premises. Info: 630-833-3515; info@midwayramblers.com, www.midwayramblers.com (8/06)

ETHNIC DANCE CHICAGO: 8-midnight; Chicago Latvian Community Center, 4146 N Elston Ave, Chicago - SW corner of Elston (NW Diag) & Hamlin (3800W); LAST Fridays ONLY: Portage Park Center for the Arts, 3914 N Menard, Chicago - SW corner of Menard (5800W) and Dakin (3950N); \$5/\$4 students/\$3 under 12. Party the last Fri of month, bring food, drinks. Info: Paul Collins 773-506-8222h, 773-463-2288w; info@ethnicedance.net; www.ethnicedance.net (8/06)

EVANSTON DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE CIRCLE: 2nd Friday of the month, 7:30-9:30pm; Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Av, Evanston (enter on Greenwood off parking lot). Simple, meditative and joyous circle dances inspired by sacred phrases from many spiritual traditions. No experience or partner needed. Info: Carolyn DeMots 847-568-0588 (8/06)

EVANSTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 7:30-9:30pm, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka; \$5. (Sept-June). Info: Frances Gillan 847-564-2459; sackrag@aol.com (2/05)

LEARNING TOGETHER FOR SENIORS: Int 9:15-10:30am, adv 10:45am-12pm; in 14 wk sessions for \$84. Taught by Gertrude Hirsch Lewis. An Oasis program at the Nielsen Campus in Northfield. Info: Linda Kimball 847-498-2029 (2/06)

SATURDAY

CONTRA DANCE AT U OF C: 7:30 pm, 1st Saturday, most months; Shoreland Hall, 5454 South Shore Drive, Chicago, or Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Hyde Park; \$5/\$3 students. Live music. (Oct - June) Info: 773-702-9793; info@UofCFolk.org; www.uofcfolk.org/contradances.html (8/06)

OTHER ONGOING

AFRICAN DANCE: Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, 6800 S Wentworth Ave, #3E96, Chicago, IL 60621. Beginning class Mon., 5:30-7:00. Registered participants, \$9./class, non-registered walkins, \$12/class. Info: 773-602-1135, fax 773-602-1134; info@muntu.com; www.muntu.com (2/06)

BALKANSKE IGRE performing group offers instruction (open to the public) in Bulgarian singing and Balkan dance; some Sundays 2-3pm; Hamlin Park Field House, 3035 N Hoyne, Chicago. Info: John Kuo 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com. (8/06)

CAJUN:

Midway Ramblers - see Friday Cajun dances above or www.midwayramblers.com (8/06)

Chicago Cajun Aces: check web page for special events and locations they are playing: http://home.earthlink.net/~cterra440/(8/06)

CAPOEIRA: Quilombo Cultural Center, 1753 N Kimball, Chicago. Classes in Capoeira, Middle Eastern Belly Dance, most evenings, Saturdays, & Sundays; Children \$5-\$10/class, sliding scale.. Adults \$12/class or \$95 /month; belly dance \$50 for 5 classes. Info: 773-227-8879, info@quilombocenter.org; www.capoeira-angola-chicago.org. (8/06)

FLAMENCO:

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in-residence at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N St Louis Av, Chicago 60625; classes for adults and children, Tuesday evenings, taught by First Dancers of the professional company; Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director. Info: 773-442-5930, www.neiu.edu/~eespanol (8/06)

Flamenco Arts Center, 3755 N Western, Chicago. Flamenco as well as tango and go go dancing. Classes for children and adult meeting most days; sliding scale. Info: 773-868-4130; kathi_best@flamencoartscenter.com; www.flamencoartscenter.com (website has contact information for individual teachers) (8/06)

Flamenco Chicago, Avondale near Belmont & Pulaski, Chicago. Classes in beginning and intermediate flamenco, with performance opportunities, taught by Rosetta Magdalen. Info: rosaroja@earthlink.net; www.flamencochicago.com (2/06)

Flamenco Triana, taught by Michelle Nascimento "La Caoba": Classes for children and adults, Mon & Tues Mon, Tues, and Sat; at Vero Dance Studio, 3433-35 W. Peterson (at Kimball), Chicago 60659, (studio) 773-463-1220. Info: 773-704-5371, lacaoba@flamencotriana.com; www.flamencotriana.com (8/06)

GREEK FOLK DANCING:

Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society, 606 Greendale Road, Glenview, IL 60025; classes for adults and youth. Info: 847-657-0958; orpheus@ohfs.org; www.ohfs.org (8/06)

Apollo Dance Troupe, performing group, practice in Aurora. Info: Ellena Vranas 630-718-1022; Michael Kontos 630-896-7012 drmhkbhd@aol.com (5/06)

INDIANAPOLIS CONTRA DANCES: Tues 8-10pm at The Athenaeum, 401 East Michigan St, at the intersection of Michigan St, New Jersey St and Massachusetts Av. Also occasional Sat nights and other special events. Info: Fiona Solkowski 317-373-3631, info@indycontra.org, Susan Meyer 317-257-5257, dancer@oaktree.net; Janet Withers 317- 926-7294, jwithers@toast.net; www.indycontra.org (2/06)

IRISH:

Irish American Heritage Ctr, 4626 N Knox, Chicago. Ceili Fri 8-10, Room 111, \$3 mbr, \$5 non-mbr; info: John O'Grady 773-282-7035 ext 10. Set dancing, Tues 7:30-9:30 room 310, \$2/session; info: Susanna Haslett 773-282-7035 ext 10. Step Dancing, Tues, adults, pay per class, contact Kathryn; children by semester, info: Anna Marie Norton 630-833-6675 (2/06)

Trinity Dance Academy, 2936 N Southport, Chicago, 60657, 773-774-5961; info@trinitydance.com; www.trinity-dancers.com. (Classes in 17 locations in Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Appleton WI areas) (8/06)

Geraldine Foy, Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance, TCRG, 773-777-3069, 312-720-3069; gfoy@foyrishdancers.com; www.foyrishdancers.com. Classes for children & adults, available for performances & exhibitions (Chicago, Batavia, Des Moines, IA) (8/06)

Barbara McNulty TCRG, McNulty Irish Dancers; 20 Chicago suburban locations plus Rockford and Bloomington classes for youth (solo and team) and adult (ceili); 847-698-4434; info@mcnultyirishdancers.com; www.mcnultyirishdancers.com (8/06)

Norton Healy Academy of Irish Dancing, 420a N. York, Elmhurst. Classes taught by Gary Healy and Anne Marie Norton, and offered in Elmhurst, Oak Park and Chicago. Info: 312-951-6065, 630-833-6675; www.nortonhealy.com. (8/06)

Old Town School of Folk Music - see below

LEIKARRINGEN HEIMHUG Norwegian performing group, Wed. 7:30pm; Des Plaines Methodist Church, 666 Graceland, Des Plaines. Info: Barbra Kronborg-Mogil, 847-823-7596; kronborg@comcast.net; June/Paul Neumann, 847-634-4594; neumannia@aol.com (2/06)

MEXICAN DANCE:

Ballet Folklorico Huehucocoyotl, Elgin Community College, Elgin. Children and adults. Info: 847-214-7665 (2/05)

Mexican Dance Ensemble, 2127 W 22nd Place, Chicago. Performing group for adults and children. Samuel Cortez, director. Info: 312-259-9838; scortez@mexicanensemble.com; www.mexicanensemble.com (8/06)

NEAR EAST DANCE AND BELLY DANCING:

Jasmin Jahal School of Dance, at 4037 N Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Classes evenings and weekends. Also in the suburbs at Golf Maine Park District, Niles Info: 773-777-4037; JasminJahal@hotmail.com; www.BestBellyDanceChicago.com (8/06)

NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF CHICAGO Performing group practice Thurs. 7:30-9:30pm, Norwood Park Field House, 5801 N Natoma, Chicago. Info: Linnea Johnson 773-262-5943, Nordic94@comcast.net (3/05)

OLD TIME DANCE PARTIES, 8 p.m., occasional Saturdays, Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove, \$4. Info: 630-964-0305 or 630-889-9121; http://www.plankroad.org/prfms_old_time_dance_parties.htm (2/06)

OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC DANCE CLASSES: 4544 N Lincoln Ave and 909 W Armitage, Chicago; 773-728-6000; www.oldtownschool.org. Year-round, in 8-week sessions. Includes Aztec Ceremonial, Bhangra, Brazilian Dance, Breakdancing, Capoeira, Caribbean, Flamenco, Hawaiian Hula, Hip-Hop/Funk/House, Irish Ceili and Set, Irish Step, Latin, Mexican Folkloric, Middle Eastern Belly Dance, Old-Time Clogging, Swing, West African Dance (8/06)

ROUND DANCE: Round Dance - meets 3rd Sunday every month, 3 pm at St. Simon's Episcopal Church, 717 W. Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Info: Howard and Ann Hoffman, 847-891-2383.(8/06)

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCING:

Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers of Greater Chicagoland; classes in Glen Ellyn and North Riverside, taught by Nancy Strolle, 630-963-7021; thhd@comcast.net (8/06)

Gillan School of Highland Dancing and Cas Danssa performing group, taught by Leslie Gillan, in Evanston and Gurnee, 847-244-4944 (3/04)

SERBIAN FOLK DANCING: Sloboda Serbian Folklore Group, performing group, practices Tuesday nights 8 - 10pm; some Sundays; 5791 N Elston Ave (1 block north of Central), Chicago 60646. Info: Nikola Krcadinac (630) 789-4496; krcadinac@yahoo.com; <http://www.snd-us.com/folklore/update.html> (2/06)

SQUARE DANCE: Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers 847-437-5270; www.squaredancechicago.com (8/06)

SWING: Classes by Louis Stallone at Old Town School of Folk Music (see above) Info: 773-545-8286, LouieS1@aol.com (8/06)

WEST INDIAN Folk Dance Company: Caribbean Folk and Contemporary Styles, Tues & Thurs, 6:30pm, Columbus Park Fieldhouse, 500 S Central Ave, Chicago. More info on classes: 773-373-3824; wstndn_folkdanceco@yahoo.com (4/04)

FOLK DANCE CD'S, TAPES, BOOKS, ETHNIC CLOTHING, ETC: Joan Amsterdam, International Folk Rhythms, Ltd., P.O. Box 1402, Northbrook, IL 60065; 847-564-2880, fax 847-564-2868; joan@folkrrhythms.com (8/06)

LOCAL YEARLY EVENTS

BALKANSKE IGRE SPRING FESTIVAL, March 16-19, 2007, 42nd Anniversary, International House at the University of Chicago, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637. Workshops, culture sessions, parties, and concert featuring the dance and music of the Balkans, Eastern Europe, and Turkey. Featured artists and teachers including Daniela Ivanova (Bulgarian, Serbian dances & songs), Atanas Kolarovski (Macedonian dances), Ahmet Luleci (Turkish dances), Daniel Sandu (Romanian dances), Angel Nazlamov (Bulgarian music), Jim Stoyanoff (clarinet), Orchestra "Izgreve" (Bulgarian, Macedonian, Rom. and Serbian music), Orpheus Hellenic Ensemble (Greek music), Sani Rifati (Rom dances, tentative). Info: 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com, Balkanske Igre, PO Box 1157, Chicago 60690 (8/06)

REGIONAL "JUNE CAMP" workshop weekend co-sponsored by the FDCC and nearby Wisconsin groups will be held June 1-3, 2007, celebrating its 50th year, featuring Erik Bendix, teaching Albanian, Armenian, Bulgarian, Greek, Macedonian, and Romanian dance, and another teacher to be determined, at Beloit College, in Beloit, WI. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, Doug Jensen 630-840-8194, folkdance@fnal.gov; or Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com; <http://home.fnal.gov/~djensen/jc.htm> (8/06)

28th ANNUAL DOOR COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL - July 5-8, 2007, in Sister Bay and Ephraim, WI. Watch website for details on possible 4th of July party. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@dcff.net; www.dcff.net (8/06)

FOLK BALL 2007 weekend in Madison, WI, January 26-28, 2007. Info: Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com (8/06)

FDCC WEB SITE ON THE INTERNET: <http://members.aol.com/fdccpub/>

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